AN ORDER
OF
PARLIAMENT,
With the Consent of
His Highness the Lord Protector,
For a Day of
PUBLIKE THANKSGIVING
WITHIN
The Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, the late Lines of Communication, and Weekly Bills of Mortality, on *Wednesday* the third of *June* next;

For the great Success God hath been pleased to give the Navy of this Commonwealth under the Command of General *Blake* against the *Spaniard*.

Together with a
NARRATIVE
Of the same Success, as it was Communicated in a *Letter* from the said GENERAL.

Thursday the 28th of *May*, 1657.

ORdered by the Parliament, That this Narrative be Printed and Published, with the Order of the House for the Day of Thanksgiving.

Hen: Scobell, Clerk of the Parliament.

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Thursday the 28 *of* May, 1657.

ORdered by the Parliament, That Wednesday next be set apart for a Day of Publique Thanksgiving, within the Cities of London and Westminster, and the late Lines of Communication, and Weekly Bills of Mortality, for the marvellous Goodness of God to this Nation, in Preserving the Fleet of this Commonwealth in their late Action at Sancta Cruz, in the Island of Teneriff, under General Blake; and giving them great Success against the Ships of the King of Spain.

Hen: Scobell, Clerk of the Parliament.

A

NARRATIVE

Of the Action at

SANCTA CRUZ.

AFter taking in the Supply of Victuals that was brought us the latter end of *March*, we ſpent two or three days before the Town of *Cadiz*, and finding the Enemy there in no great forwardneſs to come forth with a Fleet as was expected; The General on the Thirteenth of *April*, One thouſand ſix hundred fifty ſeven, called the Commanders together, and communicated his thoughts to go for *Sancta Cruz*, on the Iſland of *Teneriff*, laying before them the reaſons that induced him to it, which they all approved of, and a favorable Gale juſt at the time preſented to carry us thither. On the Eighteenth following in the evening we diſcovered Land, ſuppoſed to be *Point Negro*, but being thick and hazy, could not certainly make it till Noon the next day, whereby the Enemy had longer notice of our being on the Coaſt then we deſigned he ſhould, before we came to Action.

On *Munday* the twentieth of *April* one thousand six hundred fifty seven, we were by break of day fair in the *Offin* of *Sancta Cruz*, and, as soon as 'twas light, perceived by a Signal from one of our Friggots a head, that the *West-India* Fleet were in the Bay. Whereupon, after a short Conference how to order the Attempt, and earnest seeking to the Lord for his presence, we fell in amongst them, and by eight of the clock were all at an Anchor, some under the Castle and Forts, and others by the Ships sides, as we could birth our selves to keep clear one of another, and best annoy the Enemy.

They had there five or six Galleons (whereof were Admiral, Vice-Admiral, and Rere-Admiral, with their Standart and Flags aloft) and other considerable Ships making up the number of sixteen, some having Goods brought from the *Indies* still on board them, others had taken in Goods and Provisions to carry back again: Most of them were furnished with Brass Ordnance, and (as we have been informed since) had their full companies of Seamen and Souldiers kept continually on board them, from their first coming thither, which was about the beginning of *February* last, their General himself in all the time lying but one night out of his Ship: they were moared close along the Shore, which lies in the manner of a Semicircle, commanded, as far as the Ships rid, by the Castle, and surrounded besides with six or seven Forts, with almost a continued Line for Musqueteers and great Shot, as the Ground between admitted; And we were forced to come so near to do our work, that many of the Men we have slain and wounded, were shot by the Musqueteers from the Shore; Notwithstanding it pleased God that in four hours time their Men were beaten out, and all the Ships put ashore, except the Admiral, and Vice-Admiral, who made the most considerable resistance. About two

of the clock the Vice-Admiral was ſet on fire, and the Admiral, by ſome happy Shot, or other accident, ſuddenly blown up; having (as we perceived juſt before) many Men on board her; by the evening all the reſt were fired, onely two that ſunk down to rights, and had little but their Maſts appearing above water.

It remained to compleat this Mercy, that our own Ships ſhould come off well, wherein the greateſt hazzard and difficulty lay; for ſome riding near into the Shore, and being ſorely maimed did require to be warped off, others when we came to weigh, drove with the winde all the while blowing right into the Bay, and one of our beſt Frigots ſtrook: The Enemy in the mean time ſupplied freſh men into his Forts for thoſe we had killed and beaten out in the heat of the Action, and from them and the Caſtle continued plying upon us, till about ſeven of the clock at night, every Ship and Veſſel belonging to our Fleet, were by the good hand of God got ſafe out of command.

In this ſervice we had not above fifty ſlain outright, and one hundred and twenty wounded, and the damage to our Ships was ſuch as in two days time we indifferently vvell repaired for preſent ſecurity: Which vve had no ſooner done, but the Winde veered to the South-Weſt (which is rare among thoſe Iſlands) and laſted juſt to bring us to our former Station neer *Cape Maries*, where we arrived the ſecond of *May* followving: For vvhich mercifull appearance all along vvith us, vve deſire the Lord may have the praiſe and glory, to vvhom onely it is due; and that all that hear of it may turn and ſay (as of a truth we have found) that *among the gods there is none like unto him, neither are there any works like unto his works.*

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The Names of the Commanders of the *New Spain* Fleet, and of the other Ships that were burnt in the *Sancta Cruce* Road on the 20th of *April*, 1657.

Don Diego Diagues, General.
Don Josepho Sentenno, Vice-Admiral.
Roque Gallindo, Rere-Admiral.
Gasper Goteras, in the great Campeachan.
Martin De Lazondo, in the little Campeachan.

These Commanders with their Ships came from *La vela Cruce* in *New Spain*.
John Quintero.
Francisco De Estoeta.
Pedro Fegoroa.
Don Francisco Velasques.
Pedro Oreguel.

Commanders of the Admiral and Vice-Admiral of *Hundoras*.
Francisco Martines.
Francisco De Arana.

Pedro Sorrillio Commander of the Ship which came from *Sancto Domingo*.

These Commanders with their Ships were in *Sancta Cruce* before their Fleet arrived from the *Indies*.
Gregory Gomes.
Francisco Marcadel.
Fernando Sohes.

Thursday 28. *May*, 1657.

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